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SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA: A DENOUEMENT IN THE INTERNATIONAL FORUMS?

1. THE SPANISH PRESS TODAY (OCTOBER 14) IS FULL OF SAHARA STORIES. ONE DATELINED THE UN PURPORTS TO DESCRIBE THE EARLY CHAPTERS OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF 24'S VISITING MISSION, SAYING THAT THE REPORT ASKED FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE STATUS QUO UNTIL THERE IS A POPULAR REFERENDUM, THAT THE MISSION FOUND ITS SAMPLING OF SAHARA OPINION INDICATED MOST FAVORED INDEPENDENCE, AND THAT IT SUGGESTED A UN PRESENCE IN THE SAHARA AS A MEANS OF KEEPING THE PEACE AND MAINTAINING CONFIDENCE IN THE DECOLONIZATION PROCESS.

2. A STORY DATELINED THE HAGUE SUGGESTS THE ICJ WILL RENDER ITS ADVISORY OPINION AT 9:00 A.M. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16.

ANOTHER NOTES THE SIX F POLISARIO PRISONERS RELEASED BY THE SPANISH IN THE CANARY ISLANDS SAID THAT IF MOROCCO

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ATTACKS, F POLISARIO WOULD FIGHT ON THE SIDE OF THE SPANISH

ARMY. LASTLY, A STORY SUGGESTS THAT SYG LULEY OF THE
F POLISARIO MET WITH SYG DUEH SIDNA OF THE PUNS (THE
ERSTWHILE SPANISH-SPONSORED SAHARAN POLITICAL ORGANIZATION)
AND THAT THE TWO WILL MEET PRESENTLY WITH THE SPANISH
GOVERNOR GENERAL OF THE SAHARA.

3. IN THE MIDST OF EVERYTHING ELSE, WE HOPE THAT USUN AND
AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE COULD SEND BY IMMEDIATE CABLE SUMMARIES
OF THE PRINCIPAL POINTS OF THE VISITING MISSION'S REPORT
AND THE ICJ ADVISORY OPINION WHEN AVAILABLE. THE PUBLICATION
OF THESE TWO REPORTS, IF THEY ARE INDEED RELEASED THIS WEEK,
COULD WELL MOVE THE SAHARA ISSUE TOWARD SOME SORT OF DENOUEMENT,
HOPEFULLY PEACEFUL.
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